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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Group Art Unit: 1632  
CROCE, Carlo M. : Examiner: Shukla, R.  
Serial No.: 09/357,675 :  
Filed: July 20, 1999 : PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
For: NITRILASE HOMOLOGS : CFR §1.136(a)  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. - 20231

Sir:

This is a petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Official Communication mailed January 24, 2000. The time for filing a response is thereby extended from February 24, 2000 to June 26, 2000.

Please charge \$680.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0491. **(one additional copy of this petition is enclosed herewith).**

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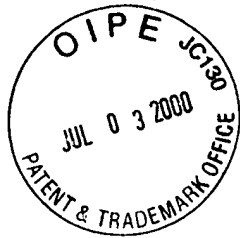
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